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1. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR TRADE, EDMUND DELL, BY AMBASSADOR APRIL 12, 1976, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF (B) AS FOLLOWS:

AIDE MEMOIRE

AT THE CONCLUSION OF RECENT CIVIL AVIATION DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTA-
TIVES INDICATED THE INTENTION OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES
UNILATERALLY TO IMPOSE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF
FLIGHTS UNITED STATES AIRLINES MAY OPERATE THIS SUMMER.
APPARENTLY, THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT A
SERIOUS PROBLEM OF EXCESS CAPACITY EXISTS AND THAT IT
MUST BE RESOLVED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR, IF
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, BY UNILATERAL BRITISH ACTION.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT A SERIOUS CAPACITY PROB-
LEM IS NOT LIKELY THIS SUMMER, AND THAT, THEREFORE, AN
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IS NOT NECESSARY. OUR CON-
CERN, HOWEVER, IS MUCH BROADER THAN THIS. WE WOULD HAVE
TO REGARD UNILATERAL ACTION AS A BREACH OF THE BERMUDA
AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE US TO TAKE
COUNTER ACTION AGAINST BRITISH AIRWAYS. MOREOVER, THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TOLERATE A BRITISH
ACTION WHICH WOULD SO CLEARLY STIFLE REASONABLE COMPETI-

TIVE INITIATIVES.

THE UNITED STATES FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE UNITED KINGDOM COMMITMENT TO RATIONALIZE AIRLINE CAPACITY, AS WELL AS ITS DESIRE TO RENEGOTIATE THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT. BUT THESE MATTERS SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED IN A CRISIS SITUATION. THE RESULT COULD ONLY HURT THE AIRLINES, TRAVELING PUBLIC, AND TOURISM INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, THE ANTI-CONCORDE FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE TO STOP UNITED STATES AIRLINES FROM FLYING THEIR PLANNED SCHEDULES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO MONITOR THE AIRLINE CAPACITY SITUATION CLOSELY AND CONSULT PROMPTLY SHOULD THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT A HARMFUL SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED THIS SUMMER. THE UNITED STATES TRUSTS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID A DAMAGING CONFRONTATION, THE BRITISH AVIATION AUTHORITIES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM UNILATERAL ACTION. THIS WOULD PERMIT THE TWO COUNTRIES TO ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING ISSUES REASONABLY AND CALMLY IN DUE COURSE.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
LONDON, APRIL 12, 1976

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